

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 10, with the following amended paragraph.

A lug 18 which protrudes in the direction of the body-side fastening part 2 is provided on the long link 8 and, when the vehicle hinge 1 is closed, is arranged in the region of the second spring 17. As can be seen in particular in Fig. 5, which shows the flap 6 in the closed state, the further second spring ~~16~~ 17 is displaced by the lug 18 of the longer link 8 as the flap 6 is being closed, with the result that the spring 14 can again act on the longer link 8.